

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #: SB0342**

**Title: Montana Agricultural Heritage  
Preservation**

**Primary**

**Sponsor: Don Hargrove**

**Status: As introduced**

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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## Fiscal Summary

	<b><u>FY2000 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY2001 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
General Fund	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Revenue:</b>		
General Fund	0	0
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	<b>(\$2,000,000)</b>	<b>(\$2,000,000)</b>

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>		<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	
X		Significant Local Gov. Impact	X		Technical Concerns
X		Included in the Executive Budget	X		Significant Long- Term Impacts

## Fiscal Analysis

### ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The 12-member commission will be appointed and will adopt rules and policies to acquire land for the purpose of preserving rural landscapes.
2. One FTE would be necessary to manage the program and carry out the tasks assigned by the commission.
3. The commission's operating expenses are included anticipating quarterly meetings. Additional start up meetings may be necessary the first year.
4. The general fund for this legislation has been accounted for in the recommended Executive Budget for the 2001 biennium ending general fund balance. It is assumed the spending authority will be added to HB2 for the DNRC upon passage of this bill.
5. Section 12 establishes a Montana agricultural heritage program account within the state special revenue fund where the general fund will be deposited for the purposes established by this legislation.

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6. Agricultural easements will remain on the local government tax roles at the current tax rate. Therefore, in the short term there is not a significant fiscal impact to local government property taxes.
7. Land with agricultural easements will prevent the conversion to other uses in the future. In the long term, agricultural easements could reduce a local government tax base.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**DNRC**

	<u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	1.00	1.00

**Expenditures:**

Personal Services	47,718	47,587
Operating Expenses	27,282	27,413
Grants	<u>1,925,000</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>
TOTAL	2,000,000	2,000,000

**Funding:**

General Fund (01)	2,000,000	2,000,000
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**Revenues:**

State Special Revenue (02)	Unknown	Unknown
Federal Special Revenue (03)	Unknown	Unknown

**Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):**

General Fund (01)	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
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**EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:**

1. Local governments may participate in the program through a donation of funds or land.
2. Individual persons may participate in the program through a donation of funds or land.

**LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:**

Unknown

**TECHNICAL NOTES:**

1. It is anticipated that donations, grants, and gifts will be pursued and deposited in the state special revenue account or a federal special revenue account.